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You might duplicate that resolution made last year.

Get ready to subscribe stock for that new cotton mill.

Senator Justice is undecided about the primary law for Henderson county. Tell him how you stand in the matter.

There is nothing the matter with Hendersonville. Watch 1917 program and see who is doing real things for the city.

Resolve the following:
That Hendersonville during the early part of 1917 will go after the following:
The proposed paper mill.
A golf link.
A cotton mill.
A farm demonstrator.
A furniture factory.

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS.

Hendersonville enjoyed an ideal Christmas in many respects. The citizens made it a day of rest and joy giving to the young people as well as the old.

Nothing took place within the city limits to mar the pleasure of the day and from indications nearly every one was cared for, in the way of presents and necessities of life.

EFFICIENT POSTOFFICE FORCE.

When the public is served efficiently and promptly there is no reason why those rendering the service should not be commended for it. During the last week the amount of matter passing through the hands of the local post-office force has been unusually large. The city and rural carriers had unprecedented number of packages to handle this year and they performed their duties cheerfully. Postmaster Bryson and his force are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they dispatched the Christmas rush at the postoffice.

ITS FARMERS' DAY.

A call for the farmers to attend a meeting at the court house Tuesday January 2, is published in another column of the Hustler. This meeting should be attended by every farmer in the county who has the upbuilding of the agricultural interests at heart.

The country is more dependent upon the farmer now than ever before. More scientific methods must be used and the young men growing up on the farm must be induced to remain there where indications now point that he can make a better living than anywhere else, provided he uses late methods and keeps up with the times.

Experts will address the meeting and it is hoped by the gentlemen who are making the call that a representative crowd will attend.

CONGRESSMAN WEAVER.

In rendering a decision favorable to Zebulon Weaver in the controversy with Congressman Britt, who sought to prevent his opponent from receiving the certificate of election as the representative from the tenth North Carolina district in the next congress, the Supreme court took the position that the mandamus was not the proper remedy. The court fully sustains the findings of Judge Adams and declares that Judge Shaw, who issued the first "restraining order" was without jurisdiction. Relative to the unmarked ballot the court says:

"If the matter were properly before us and we had jurisdiction to decide it, we would hold as to the congressional ticket which has only one name on it, that all unmarked ballots ought to be counted for respective candidates because the purpose of the election is to ascertain the will of the voter, and the

marking of the ballot can only serve a useful purpose in ascertaining this will when there are more names than one upon a ballot."

"The statute was evidently copied from a statute requiring the names of all the candidates to be on one ballot and the requirement for the marking was for the purpose of identifying and indicating the choice of the voter and while such provisions are usually held to be mandatory, the doctrine of all the cases is that the intention of the voter, as gathered from the ballot itself or other surrounding circumstances of a public character, is to control."

We have adhered from the start to the opinion that the unmarked ballots cast for either of the candidates for congress were legal and should have counted. When any voter cast a ballot containing only one name, he of course, intended to vote for the candidate whose name appeared on it. In the law, the question of intent determines issues of this kind, and the Supreme court could not do otherwise than render the decision it has handed down in the Britt-Weaver case, without doing some legislating itself.

Mr. Britt's only remedy is an appeal to Congress and a notice of contest will not come as surprise, in view of the charges of unfairness he has been making against the Buncombe county board of canvassers. The House alone has the power to investigate the title of Mr. Weaver to the seat which has been awarded to him by the decision of every state court before whom the case has been brought. If he cannot show that he received a majority of the actual votes cast, he should be willing to step down and out. But he can evidently do this, for he has offered to count all of the unmarked ballots, or none of them, and abide by the result, which is perfectly fair and right. Mr. Britt spurned this proposal and lost out in his attempts to convince the courts that he was being imposed upon.

We repeat that, "whatever the final outcome of the controversy may be, it will become the Republicans to complain." The National Republican machine deprived Mr. Crawford of the seat to which he was fairly elected in 1898 and sought to impose a similar injustice upon Mr. James M. Gidger, Jr., in 1902. These two instances of "Republican fairness" will be remembered a long time in this district and, while the Democrats stand for a square deal at all times, they are not likely to become excited over any whining Mr. Britt may undertake "to put over," after he has had his day in court. It is true that the Republicans refused to re-nominate Mr. Pearson after he won in the contest with Mr. Crawford, yet they voted for their nominee, in the face of the fact that Mr. Crawford had been unjustly deprived of his rights two years previous. And mark the prediction, democrats are going to remember all this two years hence.

Sounds Reasonable.

Bob Goree, who has recently been in New York, brings back a yarn of a man showing his rich aunt from the country the sights along Broadway.

"One night the young man took his aunt to see a musical revue. He was keen on making a good impression, as he had great expectations from the old lady. So he was quite taken back when, as soon as the curtain rose, the good dame grasped him by the arm and hurried him from the theater. "Disgraceful! Such bad management!" she said, indignantly, when they had reached the lobby. "Just fancy allowing the curtain to go up before those poor girls were dressed!"

Uncle Sam's Land Purchases.

The United States gave less than two cents an acre for Alaska, less than three cents an acre for California, Nevada, Colorado and Utah, less than 14 cents an acre for Florida and less than 27 cents an acre for the Philippines. Even for the Canal zone only \$35.58 an acre was paid, but the government is offering Denmark more than \$295 an acre for the Danish West Indies.

LOVE NOT ENOUGH

MONEY CALLED POWERFUL AID TO HAPPY MARRIAGE.

Writer of Opinion That the French System of Providing Wives With Dowries Has Much to Recommend It.

It is said that because of the scarcity of money in France the dot system is slowly dying out. The American parent has ever laughed to scorn the venerable French custom of supplying the bride with a dowry to bring to her husband on her wedding day. A dotless maiden in French countries remains single. In many parts of upper Canada this is still true, and I have known American girls who married into French families in Montreal and Quebec to secure a substantial dot from their parents before taking the matrimonial leap. Otherwise their standing with the people who are to be their future friends is decidedly insecure, a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger says.

All of which proves that the French people, with their usual intuitive quickness, realize what Americans hesitate to acknowledge—that money is a powerful aid to a happy marriage. An American girl is not expected to bring her husband a dowry; but let me see the bridegroom who refuses a fat check from dad if he thrusts it upon the blushing pair.

I do not mean to say that the modern man and maid make it a practice to get all out of father that they can; because, even if there were no father and the girl happened to be one of the working class whose dot depends entirely upon her slender savings, they would still marry, and perhaps be happy forever after.

But if John can't feather his little nest with Sheraton furniture and vary his daily bread with plenty of cake, it won't do any harm to let him remain in single blessedness until he can.

The French put a money value on marriage. They fall in love after their respective parents have arranged the match. The young people begin to call each other by their first names after they are husband and wife. I remember staying with a French family several years ago. The head of the house was scandalized by the familiarity with which the American girls and men called each other by their first names.

We are pleased to call our American marriage system marriage for love. And probably it is. But the appalling number of divorces in the United States is an awful reflection on the constancy of American lovers. The sentimental may sentimentalize and the sob sisters sob, but to my mind marriage for love alone, with no visible means of support, is as hopeless as Don Quixote fighting the windmills. One might as well attempt to swim Niagara Falls, for the continuous strain of making ends meet is as relentless as the tons of water rushing over the cataract.

The happiness of French marriages is well known. The dot system works out admirably. Girls whose dots are large get husbands in their own class, those who have no dots get to work and earn them. And Jacques sits back nonchalantly and twirls his mustache until the lady of his heart makes what he considers a dowry suitable to his place in society. This sounds snug and self-satisfied, and so it is; but such is the custom of the country. The end justifies the means; the French bourgeoisie are the happiest people on the face of the earth.

"Money makes the mare go," especially the matrimonial mare. She gallops when the driver's pockets jingle, but her tread is slow and dragging when love alone points the way. I wonder if the abolition of the dot system will accomplish its object? Will France be any more populous because marriage be easier? I doubt it.

His Promise.

A Mobile man who was continually hard up had so many notes at the bank he could not leave town except on Sundays and holidays. He had a note falling due every banking day. He dropped into a bank one day and spoke genially to the president.

"I came in to fix up that little matter of mine," he said. "I'd like to renew it for a time."

The bank president had the note on his desk. He picked it up and studied it carefully. "Jim," he finally said, "I don't think this note is made out properly."

"Why not?" asked the alarmed borrower.

"It reads: 'I promise to pay'—not 'I promise to renew.'"—Saturday Evening Post.

Russian Coal Supply.

The total coal output of Russian mines in the year 1913 was 35,000,000 tons. The best coal in Russia—partly anthracite—is obtained in South Russia in the Donetz basin, and these mines and those of Poland give nine-tenths of the Russian supply. Even so, however, Russia does not produce enough coal for her own use; in 1913 the number of tons imported was 9,510,000, most of which was brought from England.

Sound of Guns Foretells Weather.

A Sussex (Eng.) farmer who lives well within range of the sound of the guns in France, says that the sound is as trustworthy a weather prophet as his barometer. "Whenever," he says, "the wind is south and the boom of the cannon is unmistakable, it is sure to rain tomorrow—and it does."

Improved Camera.

The convenience of the camera has been further increased by the addition of a means for accurately judging the actinic value of the light at the time of making a picture, and thereby arriving at the correct length of exposure to be given the sensitive film, says the Scientific American. The improvement relates particularly to those cameras which carry a roll film. As these films are now made they are backed with a sheet of black or red paper for the purpose of protecting them from the light, and they have imprinted on them numbers which appear under a tiny opening in the back of the camera and serve as a guide to the operator in properly spacing the exposures on the film. The new scheme, in addition, contemplates attaching to the backing paper, pieces of sensitized paper at regular intervals which pass along under another opening, and by observing the change which takes place in the color of these pieces as they are exposed under the opening, the operator is enabled to arrive at the length of time the shutter is to be opened in making the exposure for the desired picture.

Matter of Fact.

Great is the power of matter-of-fact, greater and made up of richer elements than perhaps we care to remember. It is part of the power—the eternal power—of the story teller over the mind of man. There is no great story teller, from Hunter to Scott and Guy de Maupassant, who, whatever else he may have, has not the faculty for matter-of-factness.

It is the treasury from which the wit and cynic draw their income, and often the philosopher his capital.

Stranger still, it is the bed rock upon which the poets build their palaces; glorious views from top windows are made possible by the hard substance below the basement, and the men who build without it, trusting wholly to imagination, are not the men who endure.

What reason is to faith, matter-of-fact

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WARNING!

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See Sec. 117, Page 108 of Machinery Act.

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